

# BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

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## Lacrosse Champions!!!

Congratulations to the SPS Lacrosse Team who are the British Lacrosse Champions!



Well done to the team members and their coach. We are very proud of you.

## GLADMAN WIN SECOND BITE AT APPEAL...

*John Gray, Strathblane CC Planning Correspondent*

What feels like ages ago, Gladman Developments applied to build houses in the field on Campsie Road, and to bump the proposed cemetery extension further away from the village. The planning application was rejected; an appeal to the Scottish Ministers was rejected by their Reporter, BUT Gladman challenged that decision in the Court of Session. Last Friday, 14 June 2019, the Court of Session quashed the appeal decision, raising the prospect that the development may go ahead after all.



More information, including a copy of the Court of Session decision is on our website at: <https://strathblanecc.org.uk/topics/planning/houses-campsie-road>.

According to the court, the main issue the Reporter had to decide was whether Stirling used the correct method to calculate their housing land supply. The court ruled that the Reporter had not examined the question properly. Furthermore they say that, because a different land supply calculation could have tipped the balance of all considerations, they must quash the whole decision.

The good news is that this court decision is just a limited “judicial review” criticising the appeal decision process. It does not mean Gladman automatically get their planning permission, or that the Reporter got the wrong result.

What it does mean is that the appeal must be decided again by a Reporter for the Scottish Ministers, taking more care to consider all relevant issues. The new Reporter will decide whether to call for new evidence, and the Community Council will input if there is an opportunity.

For all the reasons that were endorsed by the first Reporter, we would hope that the appeal will be rejected again. Housing that meets the needs of our community is one thing, but proposals like this one put the interests of the developers and landowners above all else.

### Be Aware!

There have been two recent break-ins in the villages, when the perpetrators gained access by snapping the door locks. Lock barrels should be anti-drill, anti-pick and have a break off system, which means that if an intruder uses a tool to break the lock it will break in such a way that the lock still works. The police are taking these break-ins very seriously. It is important to lock your property and outbuildings securely when they are unoccupied and at night.

### Your Community Council Needs You!

Now that we know where we are with the Gladman Appeal it is clear we might have more work to do. We still have three vacancies although we are hoping to co-op a new member in September so there are still two places for those who want to help us look after the interests of the villages. If you are at all interested please talk to any member of the Community Council to find out more. We would be delighted to welcome you.

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# Strathblane Community Council February Update

*from Chair Marian Lever*

## AGM

At the AGM we received reports from the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We then confirmed the Office Bearers as, Chair Marian Lever, Vice Chair Julie Hutchison, Secretary Grace Edmonds, Treasurer Evelyn Macdougall and Planning and Licensing, John Gray. Finally Marian thanked the new Community Council for all their support.

## June meeting

### Police Report

There were the usual reports of antisocial behaviour, thefts and scams. We are all urged to be vigilant and call the police about anything suspicious and to look out for vulnerable neighbours. Three road accidents were reported, one serious enough to close the A 81 for a while. Finally we were disturbed by the news of a mugging on the Ash Track near Wood Place but were reassured to learn that it was a targeted attack so there is no threat to local residents. Many of us use the track and walk alone.

### SCDT Plans

Margaret Vass gave us a report on the SCDT plans to carry out a Housing Needs Survey in the Autumn. Their plans are given in more detail in their article.

### Your Stirling You Decide

37 projects have gone forward after the scrutiny by a panel of local residents who checked that they all met the criteria. Five of these were from Strathblane. Each resident of secondary school age is eligible to vote. We were reminded that to vote you have to use all five votes or none will count. Voting closes on 27th June so time is of the essence.

### Elected Member's report

Our elected member in his report urged us all to vote for our local projects. This is a better system than last year and is a rehearsal for next year when 1% of the Council Budget must be spent on local projects decided by local residents.

We heard about the issue of the nursery in Croftamie which has not yet been decided. Our local representatives support the community to retain a building in the village for meetings and voting which we also support. We heard about outline planning proposal for the Killearn Hospital, which is outside our area but is of great interest. There will be an exhibition about this in Killearn from 2.00 – 8.00pm on August 21st 2019. We also heard that the seat on the John Muir Way is likely to be installed towards the end of the year. We concluded the report with information about Strathendrick House and the various plans for it. Marian Lever reassured the community that we would monitor this closely.

### Planning and Licensing

Planning and licencing produced another lively discussion about an application for an extension to the opening hours at Edenmill. Whilst we cannot be involved in neighbour disputes the community council decided to oppose any extension until various conditions put in place on the last planning application had been met.

The meeting closed with an update on the new play equipment for the play park which will be in place for the summer holidays.

We look forward to welcoming you all again in September.

## Sponsoring the BVB

It costs the Community Council £150 to produce each edition of the BVB.

We are always grateful for sponsorship from local businesses or individuals who would like to support us. If you are interested in sponsoring an edition please email us on [contact@strathblanecc.org.uk](mailto:contact@strathblanecc.org.uk)

## Strathblane Scouts and Guides Coffee Morning

Please join us for a feast of Cakes with Coffee & Tea, and a raffle with lots of great prizes!

**Saturday,  
14th September**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
Strathblane Scout Hall

## Get in Touch

Email the SCC at [contact@strathblanecc.org.uk](mailto:contact@strathblanecc.org.uk) or via the website [www.strathblanecc.org.uk](http://www.strathblanecc.org.uk)

## Your Community Councillors

Julie Hutchison 770791 Marian Lever 07580 539 492 Philip Graves 07826 424 442

Grace Edmonds 770800 Mandy Watson 07758 100 152 John Gray 771031

Kate Ramsden 07801 372 588 Evelyn Macdougall 770757

**Additional Sources** - Community Website: [www.strathblane.online](http://www.strathblane.online)  
Libraby, Notice boards, local press, Strathblanefield Facebook Page

## STIRLING COUNCIL

**Councillors' Surgeries** are usually at 7pm on SCC meeting nights in the Village Club.

**Report Faults at**  
[info@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:info@stirling.gov.uk)  
or 0845 277 7000

**Updates at**  
[www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk)

## Emergency Numbers

Ambulance - 999 Fire - 999 NHS 24 - 111 Police - 999 (police non emergency - 101)

## **Strathblane Community Development Trust**

**Keeping you up to date**

**A key date for your diary Monday 30th September**

**Our AGM takes place at 8pm in the Village Club please come along!**

1. We have submitted a grant application to the Scottish Government's Investing in Communities Fund for capacity building including a member of staff to help take our projects forward. This was a huge amount of work so fingers crossed.
2. We have decided that we will not proceed with the asset transfer project that we gave you information about in November involving the school. We would need to work in Partnership with Stirling Council and although they initially encouraged us and devoted some staff resources to help us it is clear to us that it would be an uphill battle to be successful.
3. We are therefore looking again at the toilet triangle to deal with this derelict area, Improvements to the Edmonstone Hall along with their committee and how we can help with a new library. We would also like to update your Community Action Plan in partnership with the Community Council.
4. We are also going to be carrying out an independent housing needs survey soon. This will give the community information about the type and size of housing we need in the villages

**Email: [scdt@strathblane.online](mailto:scdt@strathblane.online)  
Website: [www.strathblane.online](http://www.strathblane.online)**

We are a membership organisation. Please join us if you aren't already member (see website) it costs a minimum of £5 per year. Members who haven't set up their standing order please do so. It costs just under £1k to keep SCDT running. Donations are also welcome!

## **Have you or your family used the Strathblane Scout Hall?**

Did you know that Stirling Council left the land to the Scouts and Guides of Strathblane to build the hall in 1973? The Scout Hall was built for the use of the Scout and Guide organisations of Strathblane, for Youth activities and fund raising entertainment.

The upkeep of the hall is the responsibility of all the groups that make use of the hall and is overseen by the Hall Management committee that has Charity status.

The new Hall Management committee and group representatives, have taken stock of the Hall's current tired condition and have put together a list of necessary repairs and a future wish list.

This will allow all the very important and useful facilities to be enjoyed by our future generations in the village comfortably and safely just as it has for past generations for the almost 50 years.

On the 14th September, we will be holding our first fund raising event. The event will be a Coffee Morning with Prize Raffle, which we all hope that you will be able to join us and help make a great success!

### **Edenkiln Surgery**

We can be contacted  
on 01360 770340

For a range of  
healthcare information  
go to the practice  
website at:

[edenkilnsurgery.com](http://edenkilnsurgery.com)

For out of hours call  
NHS24 on 111

### **Neighbours get together to clear the burn**



Successful joint working between neighbours brings results. A couple of weeks ago the residents of Station Road got together in a huge effort to clear the burn. Their efforts filled all the brown bins in the area, luckily on a Sunday, so they were emptied promptly. And there was enough over to fill them all again for the next collection. Well done to everyone who helped. It is this sort of community spirit, which makes this village such a good place to live.

### **Enquiries and Bookings**

**Edmonstone Hall**  
Contact David McLean on 01360 770 919  
OR [mclean728@btinternet.com](mailto:mclean728@btinternet.com)

**The Village Club**  
Check schedule at [www.villageclub1911.org](http://www.villageclub1911.org)  
email [strathblanevc@gmail.com](mailto:strathblanevc@gmail.com)



## Music Sessions at the Village Club

### Electric Sessions.

Sunday 30th June and Sunday 28th July  
1.30pm till 5.00pm

### Traditional Acoustic Sessions

Sunday 14th July and Sunday 11th August  
2.00pm till 4.00pm

### All Welcome

For info on any of these contact George Thom at [Gethom@me.com](mailto:Gethom@me.com)

As it is summer and holiday time, if you are not on the mailing list, please check with George before going.  
Sometimes there are not enough people to make the class viable.



Backpackers Holiday Club – join us as  
we travel round Europe in our  
imaginations!

**Monday 12th – Friday 16th August,  
10am – 1.30pm in the Kirk Rooms**

£10 per child for the five sessions  
(including lunch)

Pick up a registration form from the  
library or by emailing  
[strathblanekirk@gmail.com](mailto:strathblanekirk@gmail.com)



**JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> AUG  
2019**

### STRATHBLANE SUMMER SESSIONS

#### Seasonal yoga workshops

Elaine (Strathblane Yoga Club) and Helen (MLH Yoga) are delighted to offer a Seasonal Yoga summer workshop bringing everything you need to know about exercise, yoga, healthy food choices and relaxation to propel us through this fiery season, making the most of the abundant energy within us and around us.

Yoga  
Qigong  
Recipes  
Lifestyle tips  
Posture -  
workshops

#### 6 Dates

July

5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

August

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Time

10-11am

£45 for the  
block

#### STRATHBLANE VILLAGE CLUB

[Strathblaneyoga@outlook.com](mailto:Strathblaneyoga@outlook.com)  
Mobile- 07432650396

### Calling all Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts!

Come along to  
register your young people for  
the village Scout and Girl  
Guiding groups for the new  
term.

Registration will be at the  
Scout hall on **Tuesday, the 3rd  
of September 6:30 - 7:30pm**

Age ranges for the different  
groups are available online as  
well as other information  
[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)  
[www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### June 2019

|              |                |   |
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| Tuesday 25th | 11am - 12.30pm | Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome      |
| Tuesday 25th | 7pm - 9pm      | Traditional music session in the Library. Contact Sheila on 770 824 |

### July 2019

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| Tuesday 9th   | 11am - 12.30pm  | Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome                    |
| Thursday 18th | 10am - 12 noon  | Citizen's Advice Bureau Drop In: Help and advice from CAB - just drop in          |
| Thursday 18th | 1.30pm - 2.15pm | Storytime: Space themed storytime & crafts for 4-6 year olds. Strathblane Library |
| Tuesday 23rd  | 11am - 12.30pm  | Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome                    |
| Thursday 25th | 10.30am - 11am  | BookBugin Space - Songs & Rhymes for wee ones at Strathblane Library              |

### August 2019

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| Thursday 1st   | 10am - 12 noon | Citizen's Advice Bureau Drop In: Help and advice from CAB - just drop in        |
| Tuesday 6th    | 11am - 12.30pm | Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome                  |
| Tuesday 13th   | 11am - 12.30pm | Out of This World badge making & space themed crafts. Strathblane Library       |
| Thursday 15th  | 10am - 12 noon | Citizen's Advice Bureau Drop In: Help and advice from CAB - just drop in        |
| Tuesday 20th   | 11am - 12.30pm | Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome                  |
| Wednesday 21st | 8pm            | Open information session about plans for the Killearn Hospital site in Killearn |

### September 2019

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| Tuesday 3rd | 6.30pm - 7.30pm | Registration for Scout and Guide groups. Scout Hall |
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